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SUBJECT: ACTION MEMORANDUM--YOUR VISIT TO OTTAWA (S/S

FOR THE SECRETARY THROUGH ARTHUR A. HARTMAN FROM ACTING
ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR EUROPEAN AFFAIRS LOWENSTEIN

1. AS YOU DIRECTED, WE SUGGESTED TO THE CANADIANS AS POSSIBLE DATES FOR A VISIT BY YOU TO OTTAWA , SEVERAL DAYS IN OCTOBER PROVIDED BY YOUR STAFF. THE CANADIAN CHARGE HAS NOW INFORMED US THAT TWO OF THESE TIMES (OCTOBER 5-6 AND OCTOBER 9) ARE IMPOSSIBLE FOR MACEACHEN. THE THIRD TIME, OCTOBER 12-13, WOULD BE EXTREMELY INCONVENIENT, AS THE 12 AND 13 ARE A SUNDAY AND HOLIDAY (CANADIAN THANKSGIVING) AND THE OPENING OF CANADA'S TWO-WEEK BICENTENNIAL CULTURE SHOW IN WASHINGTON TAKES PLACE OCTOBER 13. NONETHELESS, THE CANADIANS ARE PREPARED TO CONSIDER THESE DATES IF THEY SHOULD BE THE ONLY FALL DATES CONVENIENT FOR YOUR TRIP.

2. THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT ASKED THAT WE PROVIDE A
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SIMILAR RANGE OF DATES IN NOVEMBER WHEN YOU WOULD BE

FREE. MACEACHEN WILL NOT BE TRAVELING THAT MONTH, AND IN PRINCIPLE, ANY TIME AFTER NOVEMBER 4 COULD BE POSSIBLE. THE CANADIANS ASKED, HOWEVER, THAT ANY DATES

PROPOSED BE REASONABLY FIRM SO AS TO MINIMIZE POSSIBILITIES OF LATER RESCHEDULING.

3. YOUR STAFF HAS INDICATED THAT YOU MAY BE TRAVELING IN NOVEMBER, AND THEREFORE POSSIBLE DATES FOR OTTAWA FOR THAT MONTH ARE NOT LIKELY TO BE AVAILABLE UNTIL LATE SEPTEMBER. WE SEE NO NEED TO NAIL DOWN A SPECIFIC TIME IMMEDIATELY, AND UNLESS YOU HAVE REACHED OTHER ARRANGEMENTS WITH MACEACHEN, SUGGEST WE TELL THE GOC THAT BECAUSE OF PENDING PLANS IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE TO GIVE THEM DATES IN NOVEMBER UNTIL SEPTEMBER, AND WE WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH THEM THEN. ALTERNATIVELY, WE COULD PRESS TO CONFIRM THE VISIT ON OCTOBER 12-13. A THIRD CHOICE WOULD BE TO TELL THE GOC OF THE NOVEMBER SITUATION AND LEAVE TO THEM WHETHER THEY PREFER OCTOBER 12-13. WE DO NOT RECOMMEND THESE LAST TWO CHOICES, AS A VISIT ON A HOLIDAY WEEKEND WOULD HAVE REDUCED IMPACT AND AS YOUR VISIT AT THAT TIME WOULD SHIFT ATTENTION FROM THE VERY IMPRESSIVE CANADIAN BICENTENNIAL ARRANGEMENTS IN WASHINGTON.

4. RECOMMENDATION: THAT WE INFORM THE GOC THAT WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO SUGGEST DATES IN NOVEMBER FOR YOUR TRIP TO OTTAWA UNTIL SEPTEMBER BUT WILL BE IN TOUCH THEN.
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(B) ALTERNATIVELY, THAT WE INFORM CANADA OF THE NOVEMBER SITUATION AND LEAVE TO THEM WHETHER THEY WOULD PREFER OCTOBER 12-13.
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(C) ALTERNATIVELY, THAT WE INFORM THE GOC THAT OCTOBER 12-13 ARE THE ONLY AVAILABLE DATES FOR A FALL VISIT AND ASK THAT THEY RECONSIDER THAT TIME.
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